



REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1, 8-10, 14, and 15 are allowed.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 12 and 13 are cancelled as set forth above.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

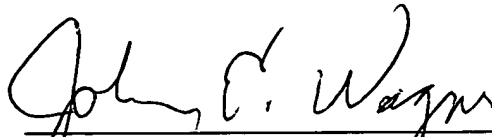
Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as "being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention". The term "said front wall" was considered to lack antecedent basis, and it was suggested that this be changed to --said front panel-- to conform to the language of head claim 1. This change appears above.

It is believed that the above amendment removes all the issues remaining in the application and that it can now pass to issue.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to claim 3 and by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Further and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled subject to applicant's right to insert them in a divisional application.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (thrice amended) A two-part buckle in accordance with claim 1 wherein the surface of said button is substantially flush with said front wall panel.

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